

# Griffs Play Great Ball When Warm Days Come---Looks Like Phils for Flag

## GRIFFS MAKE FINE RECORD IN SIX WEEKS NOW GONE BY

Strong Argument for New Training Quarters Made by Study of Team's Victories Since August Came Along.

Addition of Clean-Up Swatter Should Make Washington Contender for Pennant, if Boys Have Luck in Getaway.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

That the Griffins can be made contenders by training in a warmer place than Charlottesville, Va., where a bitter cold wind froze every player to the marrow day after day last spring, and by the acquisition of a clean-up slugger is shown by a careful perusal of the team's activities since August came along with its warm weather, thawing out Milan, Gandil, and Williams, who have been prominent factors in the on-ward march of the clan. Since August 1 the Griffins have played thirty-eight games, winning twenty-six and dropping twelve, for a mark of .685. This record is higher than the Red Sox have today by sixteen points, and the league leaders have gained their advantage by their ability to go on at a steady pace. If the Griffins had made a flying start, there is no telling how far ahead they would now be. Had they possessed the strong hitting shown by Gandil and Milan lately, since they got thawed out, the pennant would be booked for Georgia avenue park.

There is no disputing the claim that the Griffins should easily be contenders in 1916, judged wholly by their work this season. The team requires a good start and a clean-up hitter or two. If in good condition, such as he is now, Chick Gandil is a clean-up swatter. It is possible that another may be found in the ranks of the rookies to be tried out by the Old Fox next spring. But if the veterans are to be frozen at the training camp, they will do no better than have Gandil, Williams and Milan this season.

It was not until the season was two-thirds advanced that this trio of hitters got into their best physical condition. It was then too late for the Red Sox. Since August, came the Griffins, hand-picked in the earlier days by weak hitting, have hung up twenty-six victories in twelve games, for an average of .685. They made 127 runs to 94 for their opponents. They won seven shut-outs, and lost three. The Red Sox, they won six games by one run and lack of hitting in the pinches lost nine for them by the same count.

The pitchers have generally shown a high degree of skill on the rubber. Gallia, Ayers, and Johnson have lost game after game for the want of a right, or even a long sacrifice fly, at the right time. Harper lost to the Yankees here because his mates could not bunt two hits in a single inning.

Because Washington fans take a deep interest in their ball team, even when a sore disappointment, the record since August is given here. Study of the figures shows the possibilities of another year. Here's the work of the Griffins beginning August 2, no game being played the day before.

- August 2-Griffs, 5; Browns, 1; Johnson.
- August 3-Griffs, 1; Browns, 0; Ayers.
- August 4-Griffs, 5; White Sox, 1; Gallia.
- August 5-Griffs, 1; White Sox, 0; Boehling.
- August 6-Griffs, 6; White Sox, 3; Ayers.
- August 7-Griffs, 5; White Sox, 0; Johnson.
- August 8-Griffs, 2; White Sox, 6; Gallia.
- August 9-Griffs, 3; Detroit, 5; Boehling.
- August 10-Griffs, 2; Detroit, 3; Johnson.
- August 11-Griffs, 3; Detroit, 0; Gallia.
- August 12-Griffs, 2; Red Sox, 3; Boehling.
- August 13-Griffs, 3; Red Sox, 4; Johnson.
- August 14-Griffs, 6; Red Sox, 1; Gallia.
- August 15-Griffs, 6; Indians, 3; Johnson.
- August 16-Griffs, 11; Indians, 6; Boehling.
- August 17-Griffs, 8; Indians, 6; Harper.
- August 18-Griffs, 8; Detroit, 1; Johnson.
- August 19-Griffs, 6; Detroit, 1; Gallia.
- August 20-Griffs, 2; White Sox, 1; Boehling.
- August 21-Griffs, 3; Browns, 1; Harper.
- August 22-Griffs, 1; Browns, 2; Ayers.
- August 23-Griffs, 1; Browns, 2; Johnson.
- August 24-Griffs, 1; Browns, 2; Gallia.
- August 25-Griffs, 7; White Sox, 4; Boehling.
- August 26-Griffs, 2; White Sox, 1; Boehling.
- August 27-Griffs, 3; Browns, 1; Harper.
- August 28-Griffs, 1; Browns, 2; Ayers.
- August 29-Griffs, 1; Browns, 2; Johnson.
- August 30-Griffs, 1; Browns, 2; Gallia.
- August 31-Griffs, 3; Yankees, 2; Harper.
- September 1-Griffs, 2; Yankees, 1; Ayers.
- September 2-Griffs, 0; Yankees, 1; Harper.
- September 3-Griffs, 2; Yankees, 0; Johnson.
- September 4-Griffs, 4; Yankees, 3; Boehling.
- September 5-Griffs, 6; Mackmen, 0; Harper.
- September 6-Griffs, 3; Mackmen, 0; Ayers.
- September 7-Griffs, 5; Mackmen, 6; Boehling.
- September 7-Griffs, 7; Mackmen, 4; Rice.

### THE LINE-UP.

INDIANS.	GRIFFINS.
Chapman, m.	Barber, 1f.
Roth, cf.	Posters, 3b.
Seaver, 1b.	Miller, 2b.
Smith, 1f.	Gandil, 1b.
Kirke, 1b.	Mayer, 1f.
Evans, 3b.	Heary, c.
Wamby, 2b.	Williams, c.
O'Neill, c.	Sawyer, 2b.
Hillings, c.	McBride, 3b.
Garrett, p.	Hochling, p.
Breton, p.	

Game at 3:30 o'clock.

September 8-Griffs, 1; Yankees, 0; Johnson.

September 9-Griffs, 5; Yankees, 3; Ayers.

September 10-Griffs, 4; Yankees, 1; Gallia.

September 11-Griffs, 5; Indians, 4; Ayers.

Manager Griffith has a strong nucleus for a contender in 1916. Dropping out one or two players may bring about a triumph. Judging from the early work of some of his rookies, he is going to find the type of lad he wants—the right aggressive, young, never flinches, always has a pep, and is always in the game. If a hitter is not found, the 1916 team will be another disappointment. If he is found, the grand old rag may float at the Georgia avenue park all through 1917, establishing a record for Washington and a wonderful personal victory for Clark Griffith.

Before the Washington club decides to have the team train at Charlottesville, Va., next spring, the entire situation ought to be examined most carefully. While it is admitted that Lambeth Field is unsurpassed as a playing field, the cold wind from the hills must not be forgotten. That wind more than anything else, when Zeb Milan and Chick Gandil for half the season of 1915. Had this pair been hitting in April, May and June as they have been in August and September, the Griffins might now be out in front. Bert Gallia has had a good season more because he refused to take chances at Charlottesville than on any other account.

If the Washington club wants to train in Virginia, there are other places more sheltered than Charlottesville. Roanoke, for instance, has a first-class diamond set low down and completely sheltered from all wind. It will be most unfortunate if the Griffins are to be wintered in a place where the weather conditions. The future looks very bright for the Griffins, but the team must get away to a good start in order to carry out the predictions that may be made for it during the off season.

Horace Milan, Zeb's young brother, is going to be placed in the Griffins' batting line this week. It is barely possible that he may be found in right field today in place of Sammy Mayer. At any rate, according to the Washington, the youngster will get a trial shortly.

The boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. will be the guests of Manager Griffith Wednesday afternoon, some three hundred of them marching to the park behind the Boy Scout Band. There is no need of wondering which team they will support.

The Griffins are rushing along at terrific speed now, and are but six and a half games behind the White Sox. The Windy City clan has been duck soup for the Griffins here this season, and the Old Fox feels sure that he will pass them in the gallop to the tape.

Last week the Griffins won seven of eight games played, the best performance of the circuit.

The Griffins scored thirty-seven runs on seventy-one hits and made thirteen errors. Only the White Sox did better with the bat, having four more blows to their credit. Detroit and Chicago are to be frozen at the training camp, they will do no better than have Gandil, Williams and Milan this season.

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### Carl Gowdy Rides Motor At Eighty Miles an Hour

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Six motor bike riders broke the world's record yesterday when they ground out 3.0 miles over the Haywood speedway at better than an average speed of eighty miles an hour. Carl Gowdy, of Excelsior, crossed the tape first in 3 hours 29 minutes and 52.4 seconds, beating the record of Earl Armstrong, made at Tacoma, Wash., a few weeks ago. Armstrong's record was 3:45.2.

The five others who established better marks than Armstrong's were: Fred Carroll, R. Wisnauer, W. Brier, B. Brugerman, and Earl Armstrong.

### Elberfeld Has Old "Pep" When Fans Throw Bottles

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 12.—Showers of pop bottles from the grandstand greeted unpopular decisions by Umpires Pennington and Breitenstein during the second game of a Southern League doubleheader between Chattanooga and Nashville here yesterday and the game was forfeited to the visitors.

Manager Elberfeld of Chattanooga, who climbed into the grandstand, took a bottle away from a spectator who had hit him on the head, and was ejected from the game. He was his own when players interfered and escorted him from the field.

### Wrestlers Get Together Thursday at the Bijou

Louis Zeraga and "Buff" Turner, heavyweight wrestlers, have been hooked up in a bout to be staged at the Bijou Theater Thursday night. The bout is at catch-as-catch-can style, the two men are to fight for five rounds. Zeraga has defeated the best wrestlers in this section of the country, and Turner, a promising wrestler, has won preliminary bouts between Young Johnson and Kid Marshall at its pounds, and the Market House Terror and Dick Blue.

### Disturber IV Shatters Another World's Record

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Disturber IV, owned and driven by Jim Pugh, Chicago millionaire sportsman, hung up another world's record yesterday in the speed boat dashes on Lake Michigan. She clipped off a sixty-two-mile an hour pace in a half-mile dash, and negotiated five similar dashes around the sixty-mile clip.

### Seat Pleasant Nine Is Out for Baseball Games

E. A. Perkins, manager of the Seat Pleasant baseball team, will pay transportation for Washington nines for games at Seat Pleasant during the remainder of the season, and can be reached at Station H, R. F. D., No. 1, Box 91, city.

### SURE TO MAKE HIS TEAM



"BILLY" WARD, Star left tackle of Georgetown, 1914, eleven, who is rapidly rounding into form, and who is expected to be in line-up in game against Princeton, September 25.

## Popular Verdict Has P. T. Barnum Correct

City Fellers Who Saw Packey and Mike Admit That "There's One Born Every Minute"—Allies Seeking Marshalls to Be Their Partners.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—No wonder the British and French financiers came over here to arrange a war loan. They must have been prompted to pack their sips by the figures of the advance sale of the McFarland-Gibbons cream-puff party. But what pikers our friends, the allies, are, and goodness, what a waste they have made of their time.

Two financiers of boxing persuasion without a bitter thought in their systems, go through thirty minutes of soft, Swedish massage movements and then get \$25,000. For three days now Lord Reading, Sir Henry Baxton Smith, Sir Edward Holden and Ernest Mallet have been in our midst, and so far as we have been able to learn they haven't picked up a nickel.

It serves them right for dealing with J. P. Morgan. Why didn't they go direct to Bill and Chauncey Marshall? With the coin-getting cousins behind them the foreign financiers could go through a season of croquet and take Tuesday's boat with their billion. However, croquet would be more taxing on their energies than the cultivation of logic and good business judgment. Patrick McFarland, of Chicago, and Michael Gibbons, the St. Paul capitalist, were called upon to perform. The cousins Marshall could not be found yesterday. Not until late last night was it learned that they had spent the day at Glen Cove finding new excuses every twenty minutes for squeezing out of Morgan's invitations to become partners.

The Marshall lads certainly have made their mark—or, perhaps, marks would be the better word. Forty-two thousand of such description batted to get into the Brighton Beach Motordrome on Saturday night. The hymn of hate was on their lips for all who would say them nay. Anathema fell on those who would stay them from yielding up their five bucks, ten spots, ducats, and dollars.

Which brings us to the conclusion that when all is said and done the city slicker lads have more than their share of the bushes for the gold brick. If the Marshalls—or anyone else—went out into the high grass and sold new excuses from the bookers for an exhibition such as that of Saturday night the cry of "Hey, Ruhe!" would have sounded before the round.

Yep, it was the same old gold brick with the flaked gilt showing large exposed spots that was palmed off on the city fellers. Not that the fight was a fake, mind you. Perish the thought! Only this—if two brawny lads of like physique got together in a Y. M. C. and put up such a weak battle as that of the Motordrome, some consumptive would beat their brains out.

"Packey" encouraged one enthusiast at the ringside, "You are good for twenty years yet at that kind of fighting."

"Hurry, boys," suggested another; "I know where there is a good cabaret show at Coney." At a moment when the masseurs were

at the top of their "speed," a voice asked: "When did Melville Ellis and Vernon Cottle take up boxing?" These unkind comments must have hurt Packey's feelings—certainly nothing else occurred to ruffle him—because at the end of his fox-trotting he turned to the newspaper men, who had to witness the atrocity at close range: "I hope some one has the nerve to call it a fake now!"

He needn't look right straight at us, although he did nothing that would make us afraid of him.

It's queer how men who flatter themselves that they are wise hate to admit they had been cheated more than usual in their Saturday night extravaganzas. Yesterday, however, wherever men met and made mutual admissions they were at the movie show, the spell of auto-hypnotism had worn off. They either laughed at themselves or felt sorry, according to the amount of the fancy prices made on eating allowances.

And while on the subject of persons being bunked, let us not overlook the Marshalls. Their plaint yet has not at the end of the evening been one of logic and good business judgment. Their walls should be resounding through the corridors of the city with the cry of "cheated outrageously."

Most of us who were there saw more than a handful of people. Those we couldn't see were the persons in the \$1 and \$2 seats. They were so far behind the legions that paid \$2 that they almost were invisible to the naked vision.

The seating capacity was 52,000. There were not more than 10,000 seats unoccupied. And yet the aggregate returns that have been filed with the boxing commission are \$38,000, which, roughly calculated, makes the average paid-for admission less than \$1.50.

Bulletins from the seat of "war" issued at 2 o'clock in the afternoon gave the advance sale as \$75,000. The authority for this is a sport writer who was official stakeholder, and therefore supposed to be a fair hand at figures.

And yet the boxing commission was informed after the fight that the total gate was about \$58,000. When it must be considered that the Marshall boys were set back \$30,000 before either man drew on his sues, it looks as if they made only \$2,000 on their enterprise. Will the unkind person who is holding out on these well-meant cousins kindly stand up and deliver?

We don't begrudge the Marshalls a single penny, but they have convinced us on mature reflection that P. T. Barnum was this country's greatest philosopher. For it was he who said: "There's one born every minute."

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Indoor polo will be shown at Pythian Temple tonight at 8:30 o'clock, when two teams from Quaker City Lodge, Philadelphia, will play an exhibition game at the regular convention of Calanthe Lodge, No. 11.

### "RED" CUSACK JOINS GEORGETOWN SQUAD

Veteran End Makes Initial Appearance, Heavier Than Usual, and in Fine Shape.

"Red" Cusack, varsity end last fall, reported today to Coach Exendine at Georgetown, and will make a fight for his old place at left end. Cusack is in excellent physical condition after his season with the champion Agriculture team. He now weighs 180 pounds, and is hard as nails.

Coach Exendine gave a blackboard talk to his football candidates this morning, explaining the formations to be used in the Princeton game a week from Saturday. This afternoon these formations will be tried out in the signal drill.

Although none of the coaches at the Hilltop will discuss line-ups, it is thought that Georgetown's backfield will include an avowed Kilroy and Lighty halfbacks, and McNamara at quarterback, when the Blue and Gray starts against the Tigers. However, there are so many first-class candidates in the field that it is impossible to decide anything finally.

### Peter Leahy Hangs Up Two New Jumping Marks

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—Two marks were shattered here yesterday by Peter J. Leahy when he broke the world's three standing jumps record of 3 feet 9 inches, made by W. S. Lawton, San Francisco, in 1876. He bettered the record three inches. The other mark broken was the standing hop, step, and jump, when he covered 33 feet, a foot and five inches over the former record.

### Washington Cricketers Defeat Baltimore Eleven

The Washington Cricket Club gained a well-earned victory over the eleven representing the Sons of St. George from Baltimore yesterday at Potomac Park, having 55 to 60 runs when stumps were drawn.

Will Worman made 46 for the locals while Dr. Samuels, whose century was a feature in an earlier match, was held to 31. Yesterday's match was the last of the season, and the eleven will now turn to soccer.

### First Football Injury.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—The first football accident of the season occurred here yesterday when Norman Anderson, right guard on the Hermilage Tigers, broke his right instep in a game with the Claremont Indians, played with the temperature at 86.

### League Standing

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Standing of the Clubs.			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston	17	10	.625
Detroit	17	10	.625
Chicago	16	11	.593
New York	15	12	.556
St. Louis	14	13	.519
Cleveland	13	14	.481
Philadelphia	12	15	.444
Pittsburgh	11	16	.407
Washington	10	17	.370

Today's Games.  
Cleveland at Washington.  
St. Louis at Philadelphia.  
Detroit at New York.  
Chicago at Boston.

Tomorrow's Games.  
Cleveland at Washington.  
St. Louis at Philadelphia.  
Detroit at New York.  
Chicago at Boston.

Yesterday's Results.  
No games scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Standing of the Clubs.			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	12	10	.545
Brooklyn	12	10	.545
St. Louis	11	11	.500
Chicago	10	12	.455
Pittsburgh	9	13	.409
New York	8	14	.364

Today's Games.  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.  
New York at Cincinnati.  
Boston at Chicago.  
Brooklyn at St. Louis.

Tomorrow's Games.  
New York at Cincinnati.  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.  
Boston at Chicago.  
Brooklyn at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Results.  
New York 17, Cincinnati 4.  
Cincinnati 5, New York 0.  
Chicago 6, Boston 3.  
Brooklyn 4, St. Louis 2.

FEDERAL LEAGUE			
Standing of the Clubs.			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Pittsburgh	12	10	.545
St. Louis	12	10	.545
Chicago	11	11	.500
Kansas City	10	12	.455
Baltimore	9	13	.409
Newark	8	14	.364

Today's Games.  
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn (two games).

Tomorrow's Games.  
Newark at St. Louis.  
Buffalo at Kansas City.  
Baltimore at Chicago.

Yesterday's Results.  
Chicago 5, Baltimore 4.  
Newark 1, St. Louis 0.  
St. Louis 2, Newark 0.  
(Nine innings.)  
Kansas City 4, Buffalo 1.

### PHILS ALMOST SURE TO LAND GONFALON

Comparison of Figures Shows Stupendous Task for Braves and Dodgers.

The Phillies are practically certain of winning the National League pennant for 1915, as a close study of the possibilities prove.

They have twenty-four more games to play before the close of the season. Brooklyn has twenty, and Boston twenty-two.

If the Phillies win nineteen out of twenty-four games they will win the pennant with ninety-three wins and sixty-one losses, a percentage of .604. The best Boston and Brooklyn could do by winning every game would be to tie for second place with an average of .597.

If the Phillies win eighteen out of twenty-four games they will win the pennant with ninety-two wins and sixty-two losses, a percentage of .598. They would be tied for first place with ninety-two wins and sixty-two losses.

If the Phillies should win fifteen out of twenty-four they would have a percentage of .583, and Brooklyn would have to win seventeen out of twenty, and Boston nineteen out of twenty-two, to tie.

If the Phillies should win only half of their remaining twenty-four games they would finish with a percentage of .568, and Brooklyn would have to win fourteen out of twenty and Boston sixteen out of twenty-two to tie.

The above figures are based on the completed schedules of each of the three teams, as no provision can be made for games lost through postponement.

Manager Moran announced today in Pittsburgh that to make victory sure, he is prepared to send Grover Cleveland Alexander, the league's best pitcher, to the mound every day until the pennant has been won. The twirler has agreed to this, believing he can enter the world's series in good condition.

The Dodgers hopped into second place by mauling the Cards, 4 to 2, while the Braves were losing to the Cubs, St. Louis was leading, 2 to 0, when the Dodgers began slugging "Red" Ames, shoving him across in the sixth, two passes, a sacrifice and Meyer's hit turning the trick. Dauterive drove home a run in the seventh and another in the ninth, settling all controversy.

Just when it looked like a victory for the Braves, 2 to 1, young Nefti ascended into the skies and the jig was up. Two passes, a sacrifice and a single gave the Cubs three runs in the sixth. They added two more in the eighth on two passes, a single and a sacrifice fly.

The doubleheader in Cincinnati proved an even break for the Reds and the Giants. The first game was a march to glory for the Giants, 17 to 5, fifteen solid being collected off Dale, McKenry, Schneider, and Callahan. The Reds turned the tables somewhat in the second, though, winning 5 to 3.



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